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Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 3:19 PM
To: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: [\[REDACTED\]](#) Protest filed with the Public Service Commission of Carolina
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Attachments: Martin 2019-290-WS.pdf

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments faxed to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Protest
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Customer of the company - sewage and treatment.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Blue Granite claims that they need to raise rates from 65.08 to 101.30 to cover the costs of infrastructure improvements totaling 23 million dollars since 2017. They also wish to defer the costs of treatment until the rates are raised. Basically, Blue Granite is stating that they went out and spent money, so now they want it back, even though nobody asked them to do so. Improvements to service and infrastructure are a cost of doing business, and are not something that customers should be expected to cover by such a large increase. If they spend the same amount of money next year will customers be expected to cover